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MOSTLY BANDITS SAYS MR. WILSON

And No Real Rebels in Mexico Except in the Sonora Section.

CONFERS WITH BRYAN

Proposals Sound Like Dribblings of Mere Children Ambassador Declares.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson on his arrival here for conferences on the Mexican situation with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, announced that he had prepared a memorandum suggesting the policy the American government should pursue.

While declining to divulge its nature until he had submitted his views to the president and Mr. Bryan, the ambassador characterized as impracticable proposals for mediation by an American commission.

The ambassador described his treatment by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, hitherto as courteous in every respect except one, sending of separate agents to investigate conditions in Mexico. He severely criticized both William Bayard Hale and Reginald Delvalle, whom he declared were acting for the administration there.

"I don't think Mr. Devalle should have been given the state department code," said the ambassador. "I know he had it."

"Indeed I believe the Senate committee might investigate the distribution of the state department code to private individuals," continued Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was vehement in his criticism of the Constitutionalists and the Madero family. "The Madero family," asserted the ambassador, "have maintained a paid bureau in Washington to poison the public mind. As to the rebels there really is none except in Sonora, where there is organized government. Elsewhere they are bandits."

Mr. Wilson suggested that hardly any one in Washington really understood the Mexican situation and the Latin peoples. "Some of the proposals I have heard," he remarked, "sounds like the dribblings of mere children. For instance the proposal to have foreign powers from Central and South America act with us to mediate the troubles in Mexico. Why that would be an overthrow of the principles of the Monroe doctrine and the Mexicans would resent that interference. I know this proposal was once made by John Barrett, director general of the Panama-American Union. Mr. Barrett and I are personal friends and I have great respect for him but I don't think much of that suggestion."

Asked just how he would finish his conferences, he said, "I'll certainly hurry them," and then added with a laugh, "I understand from the newspapers that my presence in Washington is costing Mr. Bryan \$2,000 a day by losing his lecture engagements. Well I must be an expensive visitor." After he had breakfasted, Ambassador

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COMMISSIONS FAIL TO GET TOGETHER

No Agreement is Reached and Adjournment is to Be Taken Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—An adjournment of the joint session of the Virginia and West Virginia debt commissions to some future date without accomplishing anything is scheduled for this afternoon. The two commissions were in session together yesterday, last night and this morning and no agreement as to the mode of proceeding has been reached nor is one in sight.

The members of the Virginia commission insist that the only question before the two bodies is that of interest on the amount fixed by the supreme court of the United States as West Virginia's part of the old state debt. The members of the West Virginia commission contend that the entire question of debt is up for adjudication and it is also contended that it is proper to adjust the amount which West Virginia has been found to owe on a basis similar

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ARSON

Is Charged against Woman and She is Jailed for Criminal Court.

Resulting from an investigation made here by Moses C. Kindleberger, state deputy fire marshal of Wheeling, Mrs. Dora Gay Davis, wife of Robert Davis, a trackman employed by the local traction company, was held for the next term of the criminal court Saturday afternoon on a charge of setting fire to a dwelling house at Union Heights a year ago, and in default of \$500 bond was committed to jail by Magistrate G. H. Gordon.

The charge was preferred by Mr. Kindleberger. Mrs. Davis was arrested at noon at her place of abode on Water street by Constable Robert McClung and was taken before the magistrate for a hearing, but she waived examination. The house she is accused of burning was the property of John F. Mason and it is alleged that she set fire to it in order to collect fire insurance on her household goods.

DAVIS TO ACCEPT

Goes over the Matter with the Attorney General and Decides to Take It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—There has been no public announcement of John W. Davis's decision in regard to the acceptance of the position of solicitor general. It is understood, however, that he has gone over the matter with the attorney general and has decided to accept the place. Probably no official notice of the matter will be made till the nomination of Mr. Davis is sent to the Senate.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Josi Vallina and Tomasa Garcia.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOM FOR GOFF IS ON NOW

KILLS HUSBAND

After Tying Him Securely in Bed and Fires Bullet into Her Heart.

TAMPA, Fla., July 26.—First tying him securely in bed as he lay asleep, Mrs. Avelina Rodriguez, a young Cuban, shot her husband to death early today and then lying beside him fired a shot into her own heart and was dead when neighbors rushed into the house. Domestic troubles and wife beating were the cause the police say.

MR. RUCKMAN DEAD

Prominent Live Stock Shipper Dies of Dropsy at Johnstown.

William W. Ruckman, aged 70 years or more, died at 7 o'clock Friday evening at his home at Johnstown. Death was due to dropsy.

Mr. Ruckman is survived by his second wife and Samuel, of Broad Oaks; and David, of Barbour county, sons. He was a prominent live stock shipper and a staunch Republican, widely known in Harrison and adjoining counties.

The burial will be at Green Hill near Overfield at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

BISHOP COMING.

Announcement is made that the Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin, of Parkersburg, bishop of the West Virginia diocese of the Episcopal church, will preach Sunday, August 3 in Christ Episcopal church here.

DEMANDS ARE NOW WITHDRAWN BY THE EASTERN RAILROADS

For Presenting Their Side and Original Demands of Trainmen Will Be Taken Up.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The eastern railroads today withdrew their demand that their grievances against their employees should be considered by the federal board appointed to arbitrate the demand for better wages and working conditions made by conductors and trainmen. The managers' decision was announced after they had spent the morning in consultation by telephone and telegraph with the presidents of their roads. It was announced in the form of a letter addressed to the board of mediation and conciliation.

After a brief conference with the labor leaders, the mediators announced that the articles of arbitration would present the sixteen original demands of the employees without change. The only point won by the railroads was an agreement that the decision of the arbitrators should become effective October 1 instead of being retroactive.

NEW YORK, July 26.—A series of rapid fire conferences between the federal mediators and the railroad managers and conductors and trainmen that ended early today brought the question of arbitration between the railroads and the employees to the verge of a settlement.

The conferees got only a few hours sleep and when they resumed work this morning it was hoped that before the end of the day both sides would agree upon what matters shall be laid before the board of arbitration for a final decision.

The principal question that remains, it was said, was the date upon which the new wage scale demanded by the conductors and trainmen shall become effective provided the increase is granted.

The employees wish the new scale to take effect from May 1, last. The railroads believe that it should not become effective until January, 1914.

Miss Nellie Eib, of Lost Creek, is a guest or relatives at Broad Oaks.

Washington City Newspapers Are Calling Attention to His Eminent Fitness.

[Charles Brooks Smith.] WASHINGTON, July 26.—Washington has heard of Senator Nathan Goff as available presidential timber. The newspapers of this city, within the last few days, have contained highly complimentary stories of him in connection with being the Republican party's next candidate for the presidency. In these articles the salient points of his character and public career, so familiar to all West Virginians, were mentioned and discussed at considerable length. The suggestion appears to have "caught on" in Washington, and the Goff boom is likely to spread and to grow, although Senator Goff himself is doing nothing to encourage it. He is too busy with his present senatorial duties to give much thought to it. However, his admirers in Washington, and they are many, are seeing to it that the public gets acquainted with the splendid qualifications and eminent fitness in all respects of their choice.

There are more West Virginians in Washington right now than there has been since the inauguration. The reason for it is that the Virginia debt commission is holding a meeting. West Virginia's commissioners of which Judge John W. Mason is president, and John T. Harris secretary, is here to meet Virginia's commissioners, and to try to get together on the question of interest on the debt, as suggested in the supreme court's decree.

MR. GAWTHROP VERY ILL.

Ralph A. Gawthrop, of Davisson's run, received a telegram last evening that his father, J. C. Gawthrop, was at the point of death of Boise, Idaho. Burryl Gawthrop, brother of the dying man, left on the midnight train for his bedside. The telegram did not state the nature of Mr. Gawthrop's illness.

RHODES ASKED FOR MONEY FOR SPEECH

SPECIAL

Election after Retirement of Davis Will Bring Out Many Candidates.

[Charles Brooks Smith.] WASHINGTON, July 26.—The appointment of Congressman John W. Davis to be solicitor general of the United States will furnish West Virginia, and especially the First district, with some decidedly "off year" politics. A special election to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Davis's promotion and his consequent resignation will start into motion a number of well known men in all parties who are known to have congressional ambitions. Already, several have proclaimed to friends their intention to make the effort. Here, among West Virginians, this newly developed situation is at present the chief topic.

So far as the Washington end of the discussion is concerned there is but one Democrat who is seriously considered as being likely to be nominated by the Democratic party, and he is no other than Louis Bennett, of Weston. It is known, has been known among politicians here for some time, that Mr. Bennett has had an ambition to be a candidate to succeed Congressman Davis when the latter should betake himself from congressional halls. Mr. Bennett has some very reasonable claims for asking his party to nominate him. As a candidate for governor in 1908 he made a very creditable race and generously financed the party organization that year. Many leading Democrats were of the opinion that their party should have offered him the nomination last year, and regarded him as the strongest leader available in their party to pit against Dr. Hatfield. Nor was the Weston man averse to fighting a second battle, and was inclined to encourage the movement till the candidacy of his brother, Judge William George Bennett, for the nomination for the supreme court bench worked to embarrassment. Then he stepped aside for his brother's sake, and discouraged further talk of his friends about nominating him for governor. No such situation will develop now, however, and Mr. Bennett will be free to dive into this contest and go as far as he likes, and that he may be expected to do without delay.

On the Republican side, State Senator Julian G. Hearne, of Wheeling, has been regarded as most likely to be nominated when the time for making nominations arrives. It is no secret that he would like to make the race in the First district, and that if the party wants him to carry the burden of the campaign he is in every respect quite willing. However, according to recent reports here from Wheeling ex-Sheriff W. M. Clemens would like to have a try at redeeming the First for his party, and Alexander Campbell is by no means averse to taking a crack at it himself. If such a triangle as that develops, it is more than likely that the Republican party will turn elsewhere for a candidate, and if that comes to pass, it is pointed out that attention may be focussed on Virgil L. Highland, of Clarksburg. If he nomination should come to him in the right sort of way, evidencing a strong sentiment that he should be the man, Mr. Highland, his friends declare, will not refuse to carry the standard.

Then there is the Progressive party or what is left of it by now in the First district, to be considered. Whether it will have a candidate remains to be seen, as well as just how much of a figure he will cut in determining the result. Congressman Victor Murdock, the Progressive leader in the House, who appears to be the tail and front of the Progressive party, is expected to insist on having a candidate. Leaders identified prominently with the Progressive party last year in West Virginia are by no means anxious to nominate a candidate, preferring to endorse a Republican if that party names a man satisfactory to them. They can see no good to come from having a candidate of their own, regarding such ac-

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Townsend Tells the Jury What He Heard Delegate Rhodes Say.

WEBSTER SPRINGS, July 26.—The trial of S. U. G. Rhodes, indicted for bribery in connection with the United States senatorial contest, was continued here today when Prosecuting Attorney Townsend, of Kanawha county, related how he heard the conversation between Detective Biddinger and the defendant.

Townsend testified that he heard Rhodes say: "If I could get \$20,000, which would enable me to pay off a debt of \$12,000, I will make a speech and vote for Edwards or do anything else. I know it will ruin me politically, but if I can get that much money they can all go to hell."

Rhodes, according to Townsend, wanted \$10,000 before he would make the speech or change his vote, but Biddinger, said Townsend, refused to pay until he changed his vote. Townsend related details of the alleged discussion between Rhodes and Biddinger that Rhodes should receive \$15,000 after his vote, Biddinger said Townsend, showing him the \$15,000. Townsend gave the denominations of the bills and testified that he tried to secure assistance to destroy plans for bribery which he believed existed. He said the law would not allow him to employ detectives so he laid the matter before W. S. Edwards and Governor Glascock and the former agreed to stand back of him while Glascock gave him \$500 from the governor's contingent fund.

HEARING MONDAY.

W. H. Jarvis and Virginia Martin were arrested in Glen Elk Saturday by Policeman Goff for assembling for immoral purposes. They will be given a hearing at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening in Justice Jackson V. Carter's court.

WALL STREET WOLF THINKS IT IS A JOKE

Does Not Seriously Consider Two Indictments Found against Him.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—David Lamar, the wolf of Wall street, who is under indictment in New York on two counts for impersonating public officials, refused today to take the indictment seriously and intimated that he had no immediate intention of returning to New York.

Mr. Lamar said he was so extremely busy here that he could not afford to leave at the present time.

With his counsel, Henry E. Davis, he is awaiting copies of the true bill found against him by the federal grand jury before making his plans.

ORDERS

Are Entered by the County Court Here in a Number of Instances.

The county court has accepted the resignation of Richard V. Thompson as guardian of Ethel L. Thompson and Charles A. Thompson has qualified as her guardian with bond at \$15,000 and Charles Rector and Cyrus Joshua H. Arthur O. James and E. Walker Thompson sureties.

Sheriff Ross Stout has given bond of \$433,000 with the National Surety Company of New York surety.

An adding machine has been purchased by the court for \$325.

An order has been filed confirming distribution of funds of the Susan J. Odell estate.

BOY RUN DOWN.

FAIRMONT, July 26.—Howard Clark Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw, a prominent saloonist of this city, was last night run down and badly injured by an automobile owned by George Nelson, proprietor of the Kenyon hotel, driven by Nelson with five ladies of his family inside.

TROOPS ARRIVE IN STRIKE ZONE

KILLED BY ENGINE

In Benwood Yards is William Doolittle, Son of Stealey Heights Man.

Word was received Saturday by relatives at Stealey Heights that William Doolittle, son of W. N. Doolittle, of that suburb, had died in the Glendale hospital at Wheeling of injuries received Friday evening when he fell beneath a moving freight engine in the Baltimore and Ohio railroad yards at Benwood. The dead man was 22 years old and had been making his home at McMechen. His father was in Pittsburgh when the news was received by the family at Stealey Heights.

The deceased young man was a brakeman on the railroad and was riding on the footboard in front of the engine. It struck a high rail in the track and he was thrown to the ground with one leg under a wheel. The leg was cut off and as he hung to the engine trying to pull himself out of danger he was dragged along the ground for fifty feet or more, receiving other injuries.

LABOR EDITOR

Is Arraigned for Alleged Criminal Libel of Thomas Haggerty.

CHARLESTON, July 26.—Charles F. Boswell, editor of the Labor Argus here, was arraigned today before Judge Black in the Kanawha county intermediate court charged with criminal libel. Boswell, it is alleged, in a criticism of Thomas Haggerty, international board member of the United Mine Workers of America, charged that Haggerty had been a traitor to the miners in the settlement of the Cabin and Paint creek strike.

Mrs. A. E. Marshall, of Wilmington, Del., is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. E. Feaster, of Broadus avenue.

Rain Fails to Dampen the Ardor of the Copper Mine Strikers.

ON THE MARCH EARLY

Special Trains Are Pouring State Soldiers into the Strike District.

CALUMET, Mich., July 26.—Reinforcements of state troops began arriving in Calumet today at daybreak. Companies from Big Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon, comprising the first battalion of the second regiment, reached the copper country early and special trains carrying troops from the lower peninsula followed at intervals of a few hours.

The men from the lower end of the state met a deluge of rain mixed with Lake Superior fog which kept them huddled in tents and swathed in overcoats and blankets. The rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the strikers, however, the first delegation of marchers appearing in Calumet from locations north of here before the troops had finished breakfast.

HEADON COLLISION

As a Result of the Negro Porter's Failure to Throw a Switch.

MACON, Ga., July 26.—Two engineers, one foreman and one passenger were injured probably not fatally and one negro train porter was killed at Holton, Ga., near here in a head on collision of Southern Railway passenger trains. The dead porter, apparently paralyzed or fascinated by the speed of an oncoming train, failed to throw a switch that it might pass a standing one, and died in the wreckage.

IN ADVANCE.

Man Works Out a City Fine for Getting on a Spree.

James Shingleton, a laborer, did the unusual thing Saturday of paying the city in advance for being drunk without waiting to be arrested. He got pretty well loaded up with strong drink Friday night and apparently had a tough time of it. Early in the morning, still groggy, he appeared at the police station and said he was ready to go to work.

James was promptly put to work at shoveling dirt into the ditch in which a sewer line was lately laid to the station. He kept doggedly at it for two or three hours by the end of which time he became rather well sober. Then the clouds began to clear for him and, realizing his position, he went on a strike.

TRACTION CAR RUNS INTO JANE LEW NOW

And within Thirty Days Cars Will Be Running to and from Weston.

The street car line is finished to Jane Lew and the first street car to enter the town did so this afternoon. Contractor C. P. Keeley who constructed the extension from Byron and laid the line out of Jane Lew to meet that extension connected the two sections at noon today at Stout Summit where a deep cut held up the connections several weeks.

The distance from Clarksburg to Jane Lew by street car line is nineteen miles, of which Contractor Keeley has just completed eleven miles between Byron and Jane Lew.

The news of the coming of a street car to Jane Lew caused great commotion there and the entire citizenship of the place—men, women and children, some of whom perhaps had never seen a street car, gathered to hail the arrival of the car.

The engineering department of the company under the direction of Dudley D. Britt deserves highest commendation and congratulation over its

part of the work as many difficulties had to be encountered and overcome. It was, indeed, a most difficult and delicate piece of engineering.

The road is as straight as it was possible to make it and the road bed and track is in good shape. The concrete masonry work at the bridges is especially fine and the overhead and underneath masonry of the road crossing is unsurpassed in the United States, as it is all re-enforced concrete constructed in the most scientific way.

There is some work to do on three miles of the section of six miles from Jane Lew to Weston, which will be completed soon and cars will reach Weston within thirty days. The entire distance from Clarksburg to Weston by street car line will be twenty-five miles.

TO PLAY MANNINGTON.

A representative team of the city baseball league went to Mannington Saturday to play the strong Mannington team on its home ground. The team was in charge of James M. Shields, secretary of the league.